Double Deaths of Poor

†2513. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Gareeb ki maut' published in Hindi Daily "Rashtriya Sahara" additional edition 'Hastakshep' dated the 17th June, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) the programme formulated or proposed to be formulated by Government for finding out the reasons of double deaths of poor and different classes of people and for preventing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The newsitem mentions general social problems on which no comments can be offered by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Interim Relief to Victims of 1984 Anti-Sikh Riots

2514. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any fresh representation for interim relief to all the victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots in different States, particularly payment of compensation to widows/dependents to the tune of Rs. 3.50 lakhs each, as per order of Delhi High Court;

(b) if so, the number of cases still pending;

(c) the amount proposed for the future compensation or any other types of relief including accommodation; and

(d) how many cases are still pending which were not covered by

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

the decision taken by Government in 1996-97 granting waiver of loans to such people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENHAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) A representation from "November 1984 Riots Victims Association" for rehabilitation of riot victims in Uttar Pradesh was recently received.

(b) and (c) The Government of NCT of Delhi has made payment of enhanced death compensation as per the orders of the Delhi High Court to all eligible applicants except in hundred cases where the issue of succession etc. could not be determined so far.

The Union of India have also requested the State Governments to consider extending the benefits allowed by the Delhi High Court to the victims of 1984 riots in their respective states so that the existing desparity between the compensation paid to the victims in Delhi and outside is removed.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rejection of Hizbul ceasefire by other Militant outfits

2515: SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been an unilateral ceasefire announcement by Hizbul Muzahideen recently;

(b) if so, whether the ceasefire offer is conditional;

(c) whether Government are also aware that nine militant groups have rejected ceasefire call; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENHAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Hizbul-Mujahideen has since withdrawn the cease-fire. The Government will consider any move of talks with all those in Kashmir